

Amendments To The Specification:

In the English translation document, please delete the term --Description-- at page 1 line 1, before the title.

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 1 line 4, after the title, as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the US National Stage of International Application No. PCT/DE2003/002753, filed August 18, 2003 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefits of German application No. 10242916.2 filed September 16, 2002, both applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 4, after the newly added CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section, as follows:

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 8, as follows:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 2 lines 11-17, as follows:

This object is achieved in a system for providing an appliance-independent or device-independent functionality for automation appliances (e.g. automation devices), said system comprising first means for encapsulating specific functions of at least one automation appliance and for providing a base functionality of the automation appliance, and second means, superimposed upon the first means, for providing a general functionality and/or automation functionality. This object is further achieved by a method, a programming language, and a respective automation device.

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 7 line 12, as follows:

**--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--**

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 7 line 21, as follows:

**--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--**